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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL PREPARATORY MEETING-REPORT OF 29TH
AND 30TH MEETINGS, TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1977

SUMMARY: PLENARY SESSIONS DEALT WITH FOOD PRODUCTION (WFC/36);
FOOD SECURITY (WFC/37); FOOD AID (WFC/38); AND AGRICULTURAL
INPUTS (WFC/39). WHILE PLENARY DISCUSSIONS FOCUSED ON SECRETARIAT
PAPERS
AND SECRETARIAT DRAFT RESOLUTIONS, SPOKESMEN FOR GROUP OF 77 STATED
G-77 WAS DRAFTING RESOLUTIONS DIFFERENT FROM SECRETARIAT DRAFTS
FOR EACH OF THESE ITEMS AND WOULD SUBMIT TO PREPARATORY COMMITTEE
AS QUICKLY AS PREPARED. BY COB TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS (FOOD
SECURITY AND FOOD AID) WERE SUBMITTED. THESE RESOLUTIONS,
PARTICULARLY FOOD AID, GO BEYOND SECRETARIAT DRAFTS IN FOCUS ON
EXTERNAL CONSTRAINTS TO PROBLEM OF MALNUTRITION AND SEEKING AID
DONOR COMMITMENTS WITHOUT DUE RECOGNITION OF INTERNAL LDC
CONSTRAINTS. INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH G-77 LEADERSHIP SUGGEST THEY
MAY BE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE LANGUAGE TO NARROW AREAS OF DIFFERENCE.
THE RAPPORTEUR WITH THE HELP OF AN ADVISORY GROUP WILL ATTEMPT
TO DEVELOP COMPROMISE LANGUAGE. END SUMMARY
1. GUIDANCE REQUESTED. G-77 FOOD AID RESOLUTION CONTAINS FOL-
LOWING PARAGRAPH 8. BEGIN QUOTE: RECOMMENDS THAT FOOD AID PRO-
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GRAMS STEADILY INCREASE THEIR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF NEWLY INDE-
PENDENT COUNTRIES, LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE
UNITED NATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, AND POPULA-
TIONS AFFECTED BY CIVIL WARS: END QUOTE DELEGATION WOULD
APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO THIS ALL-ENCOMPASSING LANGUAGE.

2. GENERAL DISCUSSION. THE GENERAL THREAD OF DISCUSSION ON ALL

SUBJECTS WAS G-77 DELEGATIONS PRESSING DONORS FOR ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS AND GROUP B COUNTRIES ARGUING AGAINST WFC MAKING PRE-EMPTIVE DECISIONS THAT SHOULD BE MADE IN OTHER FORA. ON ALL FOUR SUBJECT, US INTERVENTIONS DRAWN FROM POSITION PAPERS WERE WELL RECEIVED BY LDC'S.

3. FOOD PRODUCTION (WFC/36). MOST DELEGATIONS ENDORSED CONCEPT OF FOOD PRIORITY COUNTRIES (FPC'S) WITHOUT ENDORSING SPECIFIC COUNTRY LISTS OR SELECTION CRITERIA PROPOSED BY SECRETARIAT, ALTHOUGH FRANCE AND UK VOICED OBJECTION TO NEW CATEGORY. ARGENTINA, THAILAND AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO URGED CONTINUED AID IN FOOD PRODUCTION OF LDC FOOD EXPORTERS AS WELL AS FPC'S. IBRD REPRESENTATIVE REFERRED TO PARA 34 OF WFC/36 INDICATING THAT DECLINE IN LOAN LEVEL FOR 1976 OCCURRED DUE TO NEGOTIATING DELAY WHICH THREW LOAN COMMITMENTS INTO FOLLOWING YEAR, NOT BECAUSE OF SHORTAGE OF FUNDS OR PROJECTS. HE ALSO STATED WORLD BANK PROJECTED AGRICULTURAL LOANS AT \$2 BILLION IN FY-77, \$2.8 BILLION FOR FY-78 AND \$4 BILLION BY FY-81 AND ARGUED THAT TECHNICAL ADVISORY CAPACITY OF WORLD BANK WAS ALREADY STRETCHED AND SHOULD NOT BE COUNTED ON TO TAKE ON ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. SEVERAL LDC'S INTERVENED TO EMPHASIZE NEED FOR ASSISTANCE IN CURTAILING POST-HARVEST FOOD LOSSES.

3. FOOD SECURITY (WFC/37 AND WFC/44). BRAZIL, AS SPOKESMAN FOR G-77 STATED EVENTS HAD OVERTAKEN WFC SECRETARIAT RESOLUTION ON FOOD SECURITY. COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY/(CWFS) MET THREE WEEKS AGO AND REACHED CONSENSUS. G-77 PROPOSED ALTERNATE LANGUAGE FOR WFC DRAFT RESOLUTION BASED ON CWFS LANGUAGE IN ORDER ACHIEVE CONSENSUS AT MANILA. MOST DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING UK, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENDORSED G-77 PROPOSAL BUT UK CAUTIONED G-77 THAT LANGUAGE SHOULD NOT GO BEYOND THAT AGREED AT CWFS. LDC'S REPEATEDLY URGED FOOD EXPORTERS NOT TO CURTAIL PRODUCTION. EEC CRITICIZED "CONCLUSIONS/ OF WFC/38 FOR MIXING FOOD SECURITY WITH LIBERALIZATION ISSUE. ALSO ARGUED THAT RESERVES CANNOT BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY FROM OTHER ACTION NEEDED TO STABILIZE MARKETS. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS URGED FREE DISCLOSURE BY ALL NATIONS OF INFORMATION ON GRAIN STOCKS. JAPAN MADE OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO ITS DECISION TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATIONS IN WFP CONTRIBUTION FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF. SUBSEQUENTLY USDEL ASKED PRIVATELY FOR CLARIFICATION AND WAS TOLD JAPAN'S \$7.5 MILLION REGULAR CONTRIBUTION TO WFP CAN BE DIVERTED FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF IF NEEDED.

4. FOOD AID (WFC/38). AUSTRALIA OBJECTED TO SPECIFICITY OF \$10 MILLION TON TARGET AND PRESSED FOR ARRANGMENTS FOR IMPORTERS TO SHARE COSTS OF FOOD AID. CANADA ARGUED THAT TARGETS ARE DIVERSIONARY AND THAT IMPROVED POLICY FRAMEWORK WAS NEEDED TO SOLVE PROBLEM. CANADIAN DELEGATE REFERRED TO CANADIAN DOMESTIC POPULAR CRITICISM OF FOOD AID RESULTING FROM INEFFECTIVE ABSORP-

TIVE MECHANISMS IN LDC'S. HE ENDORSED CONCEPT OF FORWARD PLANNING, PLEDGED 1 MILLION TONS FOR 1977 BUT DID NOT MAKE COMMITMENTS FOR 1978. JAPAN AND OTHER GROUP B REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED PROBLEMS WITH SECRETARIAT DRAFT RESOLUTION PARA A-1, 2 AND 3 BUT BUT COULD AGREE TO PARA B. LDC'S CONCENTRATED ON FOOD AID TARGETS, FORWARD PLANNING, EFFORTS TO INSULATE FOOD AID FROM GRAIN SHORTAGES, AND COMMITMENTS TO EMERGENCY RESERVE. SWEDEN ENDORSED THREE-YEAR COMMITMENTS AND ANNOUNCED THAT SWEDISH PARLIAMENT HAD INCREASED WFP PLEDGE FROM 12 MILLION KRONER TO 55 MILLION KRONER PER YEAR FOR NEXT THREE YEARS BUT QUESTIONED WHETHER FOOD AID IS MOST EFFICIENT MEANS TO TRANSFER RESOURCES TO LDC'S, SINCE IT IS A FORM OF TIED AID.

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5. AGRICULTURAL INPUTS (WFC/39). GROUP B COUNTRIES GENERALLY QUESTIONED WISDOM OF ESTABLISHING SEPARATE/FUNDS SMALL FOR SPECIAL PURPOSED AND OF RECOMMENDING ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FERTILIZER SUPPLY SCHEME BEFORE A DECISION IS MADE CONCERNING ITS FUTURE. LDC'S ASKED FOR USUAL LIST OF SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE INCLUDING ACTION BY DONORS TO ASSURE STABLE FERTILIZER SUPPLIES AND PRICES, CURBS ON SPECULATION, ETC. MAJOR EMPHASIS

WAS LAID ON AID TO CURB POST-HARVEST FOOD LOSSES. SEVERAL LDC'S ASKED THAT RECOMMENDATION 2-B BE BROADENED TO COVER RESEARCH IN OTHER GRAINS BESIDES RICE. TEXT OF G-77 RESOLUTIONS ON FOOD AID AND FOOD SECURITY FOLLOW: BEGIN TEXT: THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL
RECALLING RESOLUTION XVII OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE ON THE INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY.
BEARING IN MIND PARAGRAPH 12 OF SECTION V OF RESOLUTION

3362 (S-VII) OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
NOTING WITH CONCERN THE SLOW PROGRESS IN SETTING UP A
DEPENDABLE SYSTEM OF WORLD FOOD SECURITY,
RECOGNIZING THE PERILS OF INACTION IN MATTERS RELATED TO
FOOD SECURITY AND THE CONSEQUENT UNCERTAINTY FACTING A LARGE
PART OF HUMANITY FOR ITS BASIC NEEDS,
NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN IMPORVE-
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MENT IN THE WORLD FOOD SECURITY SITUATION AS A RESULT OF A
SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN WORLD CEREAL PRODUCTION AND STOCKS
DURING 1976/77

NOTING FURTHER, HOWEVER THAT DESPITE RECENT IMPROVEMENTS
IN PRODUCTION OF CEREALS AND OTHER NON-CEREAL STAPLE FOODSTUFFS
IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE LONGER-TERM GROWTH RATE
REMAINED BELOW THE LEVEL REQUIRED TO MEET RISING DEMAND DUE TO
POPULATION AND INCOME GROWTH,
EXPRESSING CONCERN FOR THE FACT THAT, ALTHOUGH WORLD CEREAL
STOCKS NOW APPROACH THE ESTIMATE OF THE MINIMU SAFE LEVEL
REQUIRED FOR FOOD SECURITY, NO FORMAL INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT
ON STOCKS HAS YET EMERGED AS TO THEIR LEVEL, COMPOSITION
AND MANAGEMENT,

1. RECOMMENDS THAT ALL COUNTRIES WITH ACCUMULATED GRAINS STOCKS
AS A RESULT OF THIS YEAR'S GOOD HARVEST, HOLD A PORTION OF
THESE STOCKS IN RESERVE, WITH SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR POOR
FOOD IMPORTING COUNTRIES, WHILE INTENSIFIED EFFORTS ARE
UNDERWAY TO DEVELOP AN ADEQUATE FOOD RESERVE PROGRAMME IN
APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS:

2. STRESSES THE NEED FOR GRAIN-PRODUCING COUNTIRES TO REFRAIN
FROM CURTAILING PRODUCTION PLANS UNTIL A FULLY DEPENDABLE
SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL FOOD RESERVES IS DEVELOPED:

3. RECOMMENDS THAT:

(A) ALL COUNTRIES EXPEDITE THE CONCLUSION OF AN INTERNATIONAL
GRAINS AGREEMENT WITH APPROPRIATE ECONOMIC PROVISIONS AND MAKE
ALL EFFORTS TO CONCLUDE THE DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE
THE EXPIRU OF THE CURRENT EXTENSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT
AGREEMENT:

(B) AID-GIVING COUNTIRES, WHICH HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO,
INFORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD
FOOD PROGRAMME OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL
EMERGENCY RESERVE OF 500.000 TONS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND IN CONSONANCE WITH THE
MODALITIES WHICH WERE AGREED TO AT THE FIRST SESSION OF THE
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COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES (CFA).

(C) MEMBER COUNTRIES, WHICH HAVE NOT DONE SO, IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY THAT BY THE END OF 1977, IF POSSIBLE, ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD DEFINE AND ADOPT NATIONAL STOCK POLICIES AND TARGETS OF OBJECTIVES AND MODIFY THEM AS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO CONFORM WITH THE INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY:

(D) DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS PROVIDE FOOD AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN IMPLEMENTING THEIR PROGRAMMES TO BUILD NATIONAL FOOD RESERVES: TO THIS END BILATERAL DONORS AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES SHOULD EVOLVE POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES TO PROVIDE FOOD, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON SOFT TERMS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED AND MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES,

4. AGREES ON THE NEED TO DEVELOP INTERNATIONAL MEASURES IN SUPPORT OF FOOD SECURITY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO STRENGTHENING THEIR SELF-RELIANCE IN FOOD PRODUCTION AND FOOD SECURITY: IN THIS CONNECTION, AGREES FURTHER THAT IN THE PROVISION OF AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SPECIAL EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON IRRIGATION, SUPPLY AND PROVISION OF FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES, ADOPTION OF HIGH-YIELDING VARIETIES, ESTABLISHMENT OF ADEQUATE STORAGE FACILITIES, DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND PREVENTION OF PRE-AND-POST HARVEST LOSSES:

5. RECOMMENDS (A) THAT THE OBJECTIVES AND MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY REFLECTED IN THE PROVISIONS OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL GRAINS AGREEMENT, WHICH SHOULD PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO SAFE-GUARDING THE SPECIAL INTERESTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:

(B) THAT THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL SHOULD TAKE FULL ACCOUNT OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED IN THE COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY ON THE DESIRABLE MINIMUM SAFE LEVEL OF CARRY-OVER STOCKS TO MEET THE OBJECTIVES
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OF WORLD FOOD SECURITY: AND (C) THAT THE NEW INTERNATIONAL GRAINS AGREEMENT SHOULD PROVIDE RESERVE STOCKS APPROPRIATE FOR ENSURING FOOD SECURITY/AS WELL AS PRICE AND SUPPLY STABILITY.
END TEXT ON FOOD SECURITY DRAFT RECOMMENDATION
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REITERATING THAT THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF FOOD AID SHOULD BE TO
CONTRIBUTE TO THE ELIMINATION OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION,
THROUGH THE INCREASE IN FOOD PRODUCTION, THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY
RELIEF, THE ADVANCEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT AND THE
PROVISION OF FOOD SECURITY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:
CONCERNED BY THE SLOW PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING THE MINIMUM TARGET
OF 10 MILLION-TONS OF CEREALS AS FOOD AID AND BY THE NON-
IMPLEMENTATION BY MOST DONOR COUNTRIES OF THE CONCEPT OF FORWARD
PLANNING OF FOOD AID AS RECOMMENDED BY THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE:
CONCERNED ALSO BY THE EXTREMELY SLOW PROGRESS IN THE CONTRIBU-
TIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY RESERVE OF 500,000 TONS
RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS SEVENTH SPECIAL
SESSION, THE MODALITIES OF WHICH WERE AGREED TO AT THE FIRST
SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES
AND ENDORSED BY THE COUNCIL AT ITS SECOND SESSION:

1. RECOMMENDS THAT DONOR COUNTRIES ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE THE
THE MINIMU TARGET OF 10 MILLION TONS OF CEREALS AS FOOD AID IN
1977/78, AND IF NEEDED SURPASSED IN 1978/79, BY INCREASING SUB-
STANTIALLY THEIR FOOD AID CONTRIBUTIONS:

2. RECOMMENDS THAT AT ITS THIRD SESSION THE COMMITTEE ON
FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES (A) CONSIDER THE NEED FOR AN
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UPWARD REVISION OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED TRAGET SO AS TO TAKE FULLY
INTO ACCOUNT FORESEEABLE INCREASES IN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND
EMERGENCY RELIEF REQUIREMENTS, THE NEED FOR RAISING NUTRITIONAL
STANDARDS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND ASSISTING THESE COUNTRIES
IN BUILDING UP AND MAINTAINING RESERVE STOCKS AS RECOMMENDED

BY THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE: (B) AGREE ON MEASURES TO DIVERSIFY FOOD AID AND PROVIDE A FOOD BASKET WITH A BETTER NUTRITIONAL COMPOSITION, BY A LARGER PROPORTION OF NON-CEREAL FOOD ITEMS PROVIDED PREFERABLE ON THE BASIS OF TRIANGULAR TRANSACTIONS: AND, IN THIS CONNECTION, (C) AGREE ALSO ON MINIMUM TARGETS FOR NON-CEREAL FOOD ITEMS WHILE TAKING FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF EXPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:

3. RECOMMENDS ALSO THAT A NEW FOOD AID CONVENTION TO BE DEVELOPED AS PART OF A NEW GRAINS AGREEMENT SHOULD TAKE FULLY INTO

ACCOUNT THE AGREED MINIMUM TARGET OF 10 MILLION TONS OF CEREALS AS FOOD AID, AND SHOULD INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR A LARGER AMOUNT OF FOOD AID TO BE MOVED THROUGH THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME: RECOMMENDS FURTHER THAT SUCH AN AGREEMENT SHOULD BE REACHED BEFORE THE EXPIRY

4. RECOMMENDS THAT THOSE DONOR COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET DONE SO, TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE FORWARD PLANNING OF FOOD AID SUPPLIES;

5. RECOMMENDS THAT DONOR COUNTRIES/WHICH PROVIDE FOOD AID ON CREDIT TERMS INCREASE THE ELEMENT OF CONCESSIONALITY IN THEIR AID AND ENLARGE THE PROPORTION OF FOOD AID GIVEN ON A GRANT BASIS: IN THIS CONNECTION, FULL ACCOUNT MUST BE TAKEN OF THE INTERESTS OF EXPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; RECOMMENDS FURTHER THAN AN INCREASED PROPORTION OF FOOD AID IS CHANNELLED THROUGH THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME;

6. RECOMMENDS THAT DONOR COUNTRIES ENLARGE SUBSTANTIALLY THEIR CASH CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME SO AS TO PERMIT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN FOOD PURCHASES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BY THE WFP BEFORE THE END OF THE CURRENT YEAR: FOR THAT PURPOSE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES DONORS OF COMMODITIES SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEIR PLEDGES INCLUDE A CASH ELEMENT SUFFICIENT AT LEAST TO COVER SHIPPING AND OTHER COSTS OF THE COMMODITIES THEY PROVIDE:

7. RECOMMENDS THAT ALL POTENTIAL DONORS PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AID SO AS TO ENSURE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY RESERVE OF 500.000 TONS OF CEREALS IS BUILT UP BEFORE THE END OF 1977, ON THE BASIS OF THE MODALITIES ALREADY AGREED TO IN THE COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES;

8. RECOMMENDS THAT FOOD AID PROGRAMMES STEADILY INCREASE THEIR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF NEWLY INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES, LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATION

OF AFRICAN UNITY, AND POPULATIONS AFFECTED BY CIVIL WARS:

9. RECOMMENDS THAT DONOR COUNTRIES AND CONCERNED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TAKE STEPS TO PROVIDE NECESSARY FOOD, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SUPPLEMENT THE RESOURCES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR INITIATING NEW OR STRENGTHENING EXISTING FOOD AND NUTRITION INTERVENTION PROGRAMMES ON A SCALE LARGE ENOUGH TO COVER ON A CONTINUING BASIS A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE VULNERABLE GROUPS OF THEIR POPULATIONS:

10. RECOMMENDS THAT THE GOVERNMENTS AND THE CONCERNED INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TAKE STEPS TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY FOOD, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, IN THE FORM OF GRANTS AND ON SPECIALLY FAVOURABLE TERMS, TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT NATIONAL STOCK POLICIES AND TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN FOOD RESERVES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING STORAGE AND TRANSPORT FACILITIES, WITHIN THE PRIORITIES OF THEIR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES:

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11. RECOMMENDS THAT THE COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES INTENSIFY ITS EFFORTS, ON A PRIORITY BASIS, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IMPROVED POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR FOOD AID, WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR EMERGENCY FOOD AID AS WELL AS EXPANDED AND IMPROVED FOOD AID PROGRAMMES TO ADVANCE FOOD PRODUCTION AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS TO ASSIST IN ITS BUILDING UP AND MAINTENANCE OF STOCKS IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TO DIRECTLY AUGMENT FOOD SUPPLIES FOR MALNOURISHED PEOPLE, ENSURING THAT FOOD AID DOES NOT RETARD EFFORTS TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION IN RECIPIENT COUNTRIES OR DISTORT COMMERCIAL TRADE FLOWS.END TEXT GARDNER

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